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SUBJ: GOE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL PLANS

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1. REFTEL A REQUESTED INFORMATION ON UPCOMING GOE INTERNATIONAL TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL RADAR AND AUTOMATION EQUIPMENT. REFTEL B REPORTED INTERNATIONAL TENDER FOR SUCH EQUIPMENT WITH MARCH 31, 1977 DEADLINE. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT TENDER CONVEYED REFTEL B IS FOR LUXOR AIRPORT, WHICH GOE INTENDS TO RAISE TO INTERNATIONAL ARRIVAL STATUS IN 1978. EGYPTIAN CIVAIR AUTHORITIES HAVE INFORMED US THAT MARCH 31 DEADLINE FOR BID SUBMISSIONS WILL BE OBSERVED.

2. BELIEVE THAT TENDER MENTIONED REFTEL A IS FOR CAIRO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. AID/CAIRO HAS INDICATED TO EGYPTIAN CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY ITS INTEREST IN SEEING BID DOCUMENTS BEFORE THEY ARE ISSUED TO DETERMINE IF USAID COULD PARTICIPATE IN FINANCING OF EQUIPMENT UNDER CIP. ACCORDING TO CIVAIR AUTHORITIES PREPARATION OF BID DOCUMENTS HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED;
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EXPECTED DATE OF COMPLETION IS ONE-TWO MONTHS AWAY.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT EGYPTIANS, APPARENTLY AT SUGGESTION OF FRENCH SOFREAVIA, WHICH HAS BEEN WORKING WITH THEM TO DEVELOP SPECIFICATIONS, INTEND TO PUT OUT FOR BID NOT ONLY AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL AND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, BUT CONSTRUCTION (WHICH HAS NOT YET STARTED) OF CIVIL AVIATION

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER AND RELATED FACILITIES ON TURNKEY BASIS. THIS CHANGE IS PRESUMABLY ONE OF REASONS FOR DELAY IN ISSUING SPECIFICATIONS.

4. AID/CAIRO HAS BEEN IN CONTINUOUS CONTACT WITH CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITIES ABOUT POSSIBLE AID FINANCING OF EQUIPMENT, AND AUTHORITIES HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY EXPECT TO BE ALLOCATED APPROXIMATELY \$ 35 MILLION IN CIP FUNDS BY MINECON. COMBINING EQUIPMENT PURCHASES WITH CONSTRUCTION IN A SINGLE BID WILL MAKE IT MORE COMPLICATED TO PROVIDE AID FINANCING UNDER CIP.
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